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WASHINGTON--JOHN H. RICHARDSON, FORMER CHIEF OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) OPERATIONS IN VIET NAM AND A MYSTERY FIGURE IN THE COLD WAR, MET SECRETLY FOR THREE HOURS TODAY WITH A CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE JUST BACK FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID RICHARDSON AND CIA DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE DISCUSSED WITH THE LAWMAKERS OBSERVATIONS THEY MADE WHILE ON THE THREE-WEEK INSPECTION TRIP.

THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP WAS A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY REP. CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, D-WIS.

MCCONE, HOWEVER, REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY DETAILS OF THE MEETING WITH REPORTERS AFTER THE UNANNOUNCED, CLOSED-DOOR SESSION.

RICHARDSON WAS RECALLED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REASSIGNMENT EARLY THIS MONTH AFTER NEWS REPORTS OF A POLICY DISPUTE BETWEEN HIM AND U.S. AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE.

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